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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT - TRAVEL TO LIVINGSTONE AND MEETINGS  
WITH ANC LEADERS

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1. STATE REFTEL ADVISING SECRETARY HAD DECIDED NOT TO VISIT LIVINGSTONE. LUSAKA REFTEL NOTIFYING DEPARTMENT THAT ZAMBIANS TOOK EXTRAORDINARY STEP AFTER HIGH LEVEL MEETINGS TO MAKE AVAILABLE BOEING 737 FROM ZAMBIA AIRWAYS FLEET TO SECRETARY AND MEMBERS OF HIS PARTY TO MAKE FLIGHT TO LIVINGSTONE. CALL FROM CHIEF OF PROTOCOL THIS MORNING CONFIRMED THAT 737 BEING MADE AVAILABLE TO SECRETARY ON COURTESY, GRATIS BASIS AS GUEST OF ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT. AS ARRANGEMENT ONE NOT EASILY ARRIVED AT BY ZAMBIANS AND INVOLVES SOME SACRIFICES IN ZAMBIA AIRWAYS OWN SCHEDULES BECAUSE OF TIGHTNESS OF THEIR EQUIPMENT SITUATION, WE BELIEVE SECRETARY SHOULD RECONSIDER DECISION WITH VIEW TO REINSTATING LIVINGSTONE TRIP.

2. THIS CONFIRMED TO US IN TELECON THIS MORNING WITH PRESIDENT'S ADVISOR, MARK CHONA, WHO URGED IN STRONGEST TERMS HOW IMPORTANT IT WAS TO SECRETARY'S OVERALL APPRECIATION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA THAT HE "HAVE FEEL" OF RHODESIAN BORDER PROBLEM. AS CHONA SAID, IT IS "ALL SO RIDICULOUS" THAT ZAMBIA

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SHOULD BE HISTORICALLY AND ECONOMICALLY SO CLOSELY LINKED WITH

RHODESIA BUT NOW FACE OBSTACLES ON MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE AND GOODS ACROSS COMMON BORDER. CHONA ALSO FELT, AND HE SAID KAUNDA CONCURRED IN THIS VIEW AS WELL, THAT SECRETARY'S VISIT TO SITE OF ABORTED VICTORIA FALLS BRIDGE TALKS WOULD HAVE STRONG PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT ON ALL THOSE PARTIES WHO TOOK PART IN TALKS, INCLUDING SAG PM VORSTER AND RHODESIAN LEADER IAN SMITH. I TOLD CHONA I WOULD PASS THESE VIEWS ON TO WASHINGTON FOR RECONSIDERATION.

3. CHONA ADDED THAT THERE WOULD STILL BE TIME IN LUSAKA FOR MEETING WITH ANC LEADERS WHICH ZAMBIANS ALSO THOUGHT IMPORTANT BUT SAID LIVINGSTONE NEED NOT BE SACRIFICED FOR THIS MEETING. TIME SHOULD BE FOUND FOR BOTH.

4. COMMENT: IDEALLY MUZOREWA AND NKOMO COULD ACCOMPANY SECRETARY ON HIS CHARTER FLIGHT TO LIVINGSTONE. APPEARANCE OF TWO RIVAL ANC LEADERS IN SECRETARY'S COMPANY ON BORDER WITH RHODESIA WOULD HAVE DRAMATIC APPEAL AND WOULD CERTAINLY HELP SIGNAL TO IAN SMITH SORT OF MESSAGE WHICH WE AND ZAMBIANS WOULD BOTH LIKE TO GET ACROSS TO WHITE RHODESIAN LEADERSHIP. WHILE IN LIVINGSTONE TIME WOULD NEED TO BE FOUND FOR SECRETARY TO MEET WITH BOTH MUZOREWA AND NKOMO SINGLY. MEETINGS WITH TWO ANC LEADERS WILL CERTAINLY HAVE TO BE SCHEDULED SEPARATELY GIVEN BITTER RIVALRY BETWEEN THEM AND NKOMO RELUCTANCE EVEN BE SEEN WITH MUZOREWA (LUSAKA 0756) OR TO COME TO LUSAKA THIS WEEKEND WHILE MUZOREWA FACTION IS HOLDING MEETING HERE. IF TRAVEL BY MUZOREWA OR NKOMO TO LIVINGSTONE PROVES INFEASIBLE, PRIVATE MEETINGS WITH EACH IN SEQUENCE COULD BE ARRANGED IN SECRETARY'S HOTEL SUITE FOLLOWING FONMIN APRIL 26 RECEPTION AND/OR PRIOR TO SECRETARY'S 0900 HOURS MEETING WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA ON APRIL 27.

5. PENDING SECRETARY'S REACTION TO THIS CABLE, WE ARE HOLDING UP ON PREPARATION OF SCENARIO REQUESTED STATE 091808.  
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